

completed + mailed (w/enclosures)  
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Dear Hal,

I am so sorry it has been so long since I've written. I have your last letter here, and appreciated it very much - most enlightening. Let me say first that I have been tied up the last few ~~weeks~~ <sup>MONTHS (TIME FLIES!)</sup> trying to get everything moved back down here to Long Beach (note that on address), and this is really the first chance I've had to write anybody. I'm really very sorry. Also, please forgive the way this is being written. My typewriter was one thing which did not survive the move, and is beyond repair. It'll be a good while before I can either get it fixed or get a new one. I will print, my handwriting being illegible, and I hope you can read it ok. Right now, I'm in the process of getting my transcripts ~~done~~ in order to satisfy requirements to enter law school. Bud was very helpful, as was Bob Smith, who said I could work for them this summer, which I may do, and will let you know immediately.

Now, regarding my letter to the Atty. Gen., which you wrote me about (dated <sup>(yours)</sup> 1-12-71). Bud read it first, and sent it on, but no response has come. So I have written my Congressman, (Wm. Colmer of Miss.), and asked him to ask Mitchell those 3 questions, which I'm sure he'll be glad to do. They are appropriate and legitimate inquiries, and I do think Mitchell should be forced to address himself <sup>for the record</sup> to this question. I have seen him on Merv Griffin and on David Frost, and he seems pleasant, making a much better appearance and impression than Clark. Friends of mine (two, separately & independently in the Community Relations Division of Justice Dept. in Atlanta have told

Nixon + Mitchell stick by Hoover, and that Hoover sticks to his guns, all long enough to have a complete investigation. Also, if I may digress, I will want to discuss with you some interesting things I've come across re Nixon's participation in the Hiss case. And I just read Roy Cohn's book on McCarthy, and it confirmed something I had thought - that McCarthy was planning an investigation of the C.I.A., but was dissuaded by his friend Richard Nixon. Not that it would have been an honest inquiry, but it's interesting Nixon was so concerned about Communists, yet willing to forestall such a witchhunt on grounds of national security.

All of the attached exhibits are published material, as I purposefully restricted it to material available to the general public. I should have sent them to you with copies of my letter to Mitchell, but I was short of funds to get it all recopied. If I can, I'll either send them now, or bring you the originals. We should discuss this before going further, since you evidently feel that several of these things are out of order. I tried to be careful while I was with Bud, in Washington, that I not do or say anything that would screw up anything anyone else is doing, nor that it hurt our overall cause, and he was very helpful in that respect.

~~Finally,~~

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As I said, all of the enclosures to Mitchell are newspaper + magazine clippings. I am sure you have all of them, but just in case here is a specific list:

I can't find it right now, but will keep looking + send it later, to avoid delay.

Exhibit #1 - Humphrey letter; specific reply, just to get them on the track - (Do they now say it was or was not a conspiracy - yes or no?!). Will send copy.

Exhibit #2 - is leaflet written by Nagell himself, which Bud gave me. I assume you have a copy also. Bud was not specific but I thought he said Nagell knows the most (or as much as the planners themselves) about who planned the assassination. I may have misunderstood him.

Exhibit #3 - is from Playboy (Garrison int.) and Forgive My Griot.

Exhibit #4 - is National Enquirer story on Bolden, re Skolnick suit.

Exhibit 5 - consists of (a) Miami News 8-2-1-67 story by Bill Barry, (b)(c)(d) are transcripts of Somerset-Milteer conversation, and Computers + Automation story by Richard Sprague, and I believe something you wrote, in CIA Whitewash.

Exhibit 6 - is States-Item story on Hicks beating, and from the Sprague article.

Exhibit 7 - was published in a scurrilous journal, but was confirmed as reliable, and I do believe Ferrie actually wrote it and sent it, although it is all a bit mysterious. You indicate you don't have it, so I'll make you a copy. **(ENCLOSED)**

Exhibit 8 - is from L.A. Free Press. Other things about Broshears I've read make him out to be weird, but I didn't know it was as bad as you say. And I did

the plane crash is a little odd. Well, we can discuss this.

Exhibits 9 and 10 are articles by Turner published in Ramparts, "The Garrison Commission", Jan. 1968; "De Pugh and The Minutemen: Wonderland of the Mind", June 1970; "Reviewing the Ray case", June 1969. Let me know if you don't have any of these + I'll send copies.

Exhibit 11 is from Look magazine, Rush to Judgment + Scavengers + Critics, p. 48.

Exhibit 12 is the news story (from National Insider) on Centro Turner Ays suit, not the trial brief which I don't have. I take it you have news story on that.

Exhibit 13 is L.A. Free Press story on Chargeh suit, and Bud's reprint. I asked Bud about it and he just shook his head.

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Also, I called long-distance today to the offices of New Orleans magazine, and spoke to a very nice lady who was most helpful. They began, she said, ~~in~~ in October 1966, and have published many articles on the assassination and the Garrison case and she

Hope that list will help. I'm writing this over a period of about 3 days, so please excuse confusion. I'll try to get those copies ready tonight or tomorrow morning.

Finally, one other matter which may be of interest. My grandmother nearly 90 is still living, barely, in a nursing home in Houston, Texas. One of the nurses, Mrs. Kent Bittle, made herself known to me recently, and we got to talking. Her husband is with Newsweek, and she invited me to their home for dinner, and conversation. She also wanted me to meet Hugh Aynesworth, and to argue with him. I have gladly accepted, and look forward to it very much. Mrs. Bittle is very nice, and young + attractive. I've never met her husband. They also want to discuss Kirkwood's book American Grotesque. The date has not been set yet, and I don't know just when I can get over. But do you have any suggestions, or anything you'd like me to ask or tell Aynesworth?

I'll be writing to you again soon, to let you know exactly when I'll be arriving in Washington, and still look forward highly to seeing you so we can discuss all we have, and I can make plans.

Your friend,

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, possibly reading "Jim", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.